To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1778 without my signature.

State and federal law already require school districts to notify parents of the types of student information that they release to the public. The notice must include an explanation of a parent's right to request that the information not be disclosed without prior written consent and the method and timeline for making such a request. Ultimately, I believe that schools should maintain the flexibility to develop their own procedures to ensure compliance with state and federal laws without the state dictating how procedures are implemented.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger